

SPECIAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
OFFICIAL DELEGATES' DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING  
Stockton, California

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August 24, 1941

CHAPTERS AND RESPECTIVE DELEGATES PRESENT

Alameda -- Sakae Date John Yoshino	Sacramento -- Dr. George Takahashi Henry Taketa
American Loyalty League -- Bill Ishida Dr. Joe Sasaki	Salinas -- Henry Tanda Masao Takeshita
Contra Costa County --	San Benito Cty. -- Henry Omoto Richard Nishimoto James Sugioka
Delta -- Mr. Itogawa Kelly Ishida	San Francisco -- Teiko Ishida Yasuo Abiko Henry Uyeda
Eden Township -- Harumi Kawahara Ken Fujii	San Mateo -- Fred Ochi
Florin -- Hugh Kino	Sonoma -- James Miyano Henry Ishimizu
Kings County --	U.C.L. Santa Clara Cty. -- George Fujii
Lodi --	Stockton -- Albert Kawasaki Joe Omachi
Monterey -- George Nakaji Teruo Ezaki	Tulare Cty. -- Ben Yabuno Saburo Okamoto
Oakland -- Kay Hirao Frank Tsukamoto	Washington Township -- Tom Kitashima James Shirabayashi
Parlier --	Watsonville -- James Hirokawa
Placer County -- Tom Yego George Sakamoto	Y.S.B.C. -- Frank Nakamura
Reedley -- George Kitahara	Yo-Solano -- Harry Aoyagi

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The meeting was called to order by N.C.D.C. Chmn., Mr. Shimasaki at 10:10 a.m. The roll was called by the Chair which showed that all Chapters were represented except Contra Costa Cty., Kings County, Lodi, Parlier, Reedley, Sacramento, Santa Clara Cty., Yo-Solano, San Francisco, Delta, and Sonoma. 15 Chapters were present which constituted a quorum.

Minutes of the District Convention held at Monterey, July 31, August 1 - 3, will be mailed to various Chapters in the near future.

Mr. Tanda of Salinas reported on the Entertainment of Selectees of Fort Ord and revealed that all plans were made as to program, etc. However, due to the soldiers leaving for maneuver to Washington, the planned program was to be postponed until their return. Chair moved that we accept the report, and seconded by Mr. Yoshino of Alameda, the motion was carried.

Due to absence of Dr. Hiura, Mr. Kino of Florin was called on to give report on the Coordinating Committee on the Endowment Fund. It was reported that no special report was available, but that it would be presented later today, if there is an opportunity of the committee to meet, consisting of Mr. Nakamura, Mr. Tabata, Dr. Hiura, Mr. Kino and Mr. Abiko.

Mr. Tsukamoto of Oakland, 1942 National Convention Chairman, requested at this time that a sum of \$500.00 of the planned \$1,000 Convention Fund by the end of coming November and the other 50% at least by the end of February.

The Annual Deficit Assessment amount due to each Chapter were read off by the Chair, total amounting to \$408.01. Also the National Convention Assessment of the Chapters were read totaling \$1,000.01. Oakland had no Convention Assessment due to the fact that it shall be the host city for 1942 Convention.

The Constitutional Committee report on the D.C. Constitution was made at this time by Mr. Hirao of Oakland as follows: That Section 1 of the By-Laws Article I, Subject of Expense, be changed to Section 2 and that Section 2 into Section 3. The new Section is to read as follows: "Travelling Expenses plus train fare shall be paid to District Council Chairman for attending all meetings and all official business of the N.C.D.C." A motion to adopt the necessary changes were approved by the Council.

Another roll call revealed that San Francisco, Sacramento, Yo-Solano, Delta, U.C.L. Santa Clara, Sonoma, Reedley, Tulare were now in attendance.

Dr. Takahashi of Sacramento, Chmn. of Committee to designate the locale of the next District Convention, had no report available for reason that the committee did not meet as yet to discuss plans.

Miss Ishida of San Francisco stated that sufficient funds for the entertainment of draftees for the next three months' program is in the Selectees Entertainment Fund. No special report was ready other than that due to the committee's understanding of reporting at the next regular District Council Meeting.

Treasury Report was made by Dr. Takahashi of Sacramento. He stated that no changes were made in the balance since the Monterey District Convention. The amount in treasury at present remains \$305.00.

Mr. Kino of Florin was called to make report on Vocational Survey. No specific changes in the survey excepting that a new set of questionnaires are to be sent out for better responses. Request was made that all Chapters take into consideration more seriously the subject of answering and returning these set of questions.

Ten Minutes recess. The meeting resumed again at 11:00 a.m.

National Endowment Fund Report by Mr. Yego was given. Setting \$100,000 as the goal, all possible effort is being made. It was reported that San Benito Chapter was the first in the Northern District Chapters; and Inter-Mountain Chapter of Idaho Falls sending in their sum even more earlier. Suggestions in furthering the drive was called by the Chair. Mr. Kido was called to report on the method used by San Francisco. "Through enthusiastic Issei leaders on supporting the Drive, rapid progress is being made. The supporters' association consists of two types of membership, (1) those who agree to pay \$1.00 a month for three years; (2) those who agree to give \$50.00 or more as donation." Mr. Yego reported that such Supporter's League would be a worthwhile thing to organize for other Chapters. Reactions toward this Fund were presented by Dr. Takahashi of Sacramento, and Mr. Fujii of Eden Township. Mr. Yego suggested that donations or suggestions in regards to the betterment of the Endowment

Fund would be appreciated. Mr. Tsukamoto was asked for opinion and responded in favor of the Supporter's League and that as central body if other Chapter members would give out some names of people who are willing to contribute it should contribute greatly to the Fund. Mr. Omoto of San Benito was called to give San Benito Chapter's method of the Drive. Method used in campaign was that leader's of the Chapter were selected as Committees and each committee of two persons went out to each district collecting by the house-to-house canvass method. Pledges on the Endowment Fund as of the 1936 National Convention held at Seattle, Washington was also explained by Mr. Yego by request for information to Chapters who did not know the origination of the Fund. \$2,800 is at present in the Fund.

Report on the delinquent Chapters on the Pacific Citizen \$1.00 per-month assessment were read by Evelyn Kirimura. Request was made that all Chapters begin selecting a committee for the Xmas Ad Drive. No further report was made due to Mr. Ichisaka's absence.

Ten Minutes recess.

Dr. Takahashi announced at this time that the next District Council meeting will be held in San Mateo next November, with the San Mateo J.A.C.L. acting as host Chapter. San Jose will be the site for the 1943 Northern California District Convention. The report was unanimously approved.

Mr. Abiko read off individual Chapter Assessment on the Endowment Fund which was computed according to the 1940 membership roll basis. It was agreed that such Assessment be computed according to the District Council Proportionate Assessment Plan.

Before the Council adjourned for Luncheon, the proposals to be tabled after lunch were read by the Chair.

Luncheon 1:05 -- 2:10 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 2:10 p.m. Roll call revealed the same attendance as the morning session.

Proposals which were tabled before the Council were the approval of the office of National Secretary which was unanimously favored by the Council. The budget of \$5,000 towards the National Secretary's Fund for one year was to be divided into proportional assessments of:

Northern Calif. District Council	--\$2,650
Southern Calif. District Council	--\$1,400
Northwest District Council	-- 700
Inter-Mountain District Council	-- 250

Miss Ishida of San Francisco suggested that we take out \$250.00 out of the Welfare Fund towards the budget and leave \$500.00 for emergency measure instead of the original suggestion of taking \$500.00 and leaving \$250.00. After much discussion, Mr. Ishida of Fresno made a motion that we leave the Welfare Fund untouched and use it for other emergency purpose that may appear in the future. The motion was carried and seconded by the Council. Budget of \$5,000 was also approved. It was recommended by the National Board that \$150.00 monthly salary be paid the National Secretary which was also approved by the Council.

Some discussion was held regarding the bonus of \$500 to be given to the National Secretary. However, it was decided that that would be a matter of financial status and tabled for some other time. Mr. Masaoka's appointment as National Secretary was confirmed by all Chapters present, at which time Mr. Masaoka responded by an impressive speech presenting his ideas and plans in brief.

The Chair called for further announcements. Mr. Tabata of Monterey extended a word of thanks for the cooperation given toward the Convention at Monterey.

James Sugioka, in behalf of N.D.C. Officials thanked the Stockton Chapter for the use of their hall and the program scheduled for the delegates.

Mr. Abiko of S.F. announced to committee on the Endowment Fund to remain after Council Meeting to discuss the matter.

The Chair instructed the host chapter to the Council Meeting immediately prior to the National Convention to be responsible for the Oratorical Contest Arrangements.

The subject of what should be done to Chapters who have not sent representatives to the various Council meetings was brought up. Mr. Abiko of S.F. suggested that the secretary send letters to the absent Chapters or the neighboring Chapter make some effort to bring them out. Specific chapters named were Lodi and Kings Cty. Chapter. It was decided at this time that the Chair be empowered to appoint a committee to make a study of those Chapters who fail to send delegates to these Council meetings.

The motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Abiko of San Francisco and seconded by Kay Hirao, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alice Kaneko  
Secretary pro tempore